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This work gives an overview of a new technology that is attracting growing interest in public as well as in the computer industry itself. The visible difference from other technologies is in the use of a pen or pencil as the primary means of interaction between a user and a machine, picking up the familiar pen and paper interface metaphor. From this follows a set of consequences that will be analyzed and put into context with other emerging technologies and visions. Starting with a short historic ...

2 [Devirtualizable virtual machines enabling general, single-node, online maintenance](#)



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Maintenance is the dominant source of downtime at high availability sites. Unfortunately, the dominant mechanism for reducing this downtime, cluster rolling upgrade, has two shortcomings that have prevented its broad acceptance. First, cluster-style maintenance over many nodes is typically performed a few nodes at a time, making maintenance slow and often impractical. Second, cluster-style maintenance does not work on single-node systems, despite the fact that their unavailability during maintenance ...

Keywords: availability, online maintenance, planned downtime, virtual machines

3 [Virtual machines: ReVirt: enabling intrusion analysis through virtual-machine logging and replay](#)




George W. Dunlap, Samuel T. King, Sukru Cinar, Murtaza A. Basrai, Peter M. Chen

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4 [A survey of commercial parallel processors](#)




Edward Gehringer, Janne Abullarade, Michael H. Gulyan

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This paper compares eight commercial parallel processors along several dimensions. The

processors include four shared-bus multiprocessors (the Encore Multimax, the Sequent Balance system, the Alliant FX series, and the ELXSI System 6400) and four network multiprocessors (the BBN Butterfly, the NCUBE, the Intel IPSC/2, and the FPS T Series). The paper contrasts the computers from the standpoint of interconnection structures, memory configurations, and interprocessor communication. Also, the share ...

- 5 Virtual machine monitors: Terra: a virtual machine-based platform for trusted computing
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Keywords: VMM, attestation, authentication, trusted computing, virtual machine, virtual machine monitor

- 6 Security as a new dimension in embedded system design: Security as a new dimension in embedded system design

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The growing number of instances of breaches in information security in the last few years has created a compelling case for efforts towards secure electronic systems. Embedded systems, which will be ubiquitously used to capture, store, manipulate, and access data of a sensitive nature, pose several unique and interesting security challenges. Security has been the subject of intensive research in the areas of cryptography, computing, and networking. However, despite these efforts, *security is ...*


Keywords: PDAs, architectures, battery life, cryptography, design, design methodologies, digital rights management, embedded systems, performance, security, security processing, security protocols, sensors, software attacks, tamper resistance, trusted computing, viruses

- 7 Scalability, performance, and real-time: Friendly virtual machines: leveraging a feedback-control model for application adaptation

Yuting Zhang, Azer Bestavros, Mina Guirguis, Ibrahim Matta, Richard West

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With the increased use of "Virtual Machines" (VMs) as vehicles that isolate applications running on the same host, it is necessary to devise techniques that enable multiple VMs to share underlying resources both fairly and efficiently. To that end, one common approach is to deploy complex resource management techniques in the hosting infrastructure. Alternately, in this paper, we advocate the use of self-adaptation in the VMs themselves based on feedback about resource usage and availability. Co ...

Keywords: feedback Control, friendly virtual machines, resource management

- 8 Mobile services: Reincarnating PCs with portable SoulPads

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The ability to walk up to any computer, personalize it, and use it as one's own has long been a goal of mobile computing research. We present *SoulPad*, a new approach based on carrying an auto-configuring operating system along with a suspended virtual machine on a small portable device. With this approach, the computer boots from the device and resumes the virtual machine, thus giving the user access to his personal environment, including previously running computations. *SoulPad* ha ...



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The Emulation Aid SYstem is a virtual machine monitor for the Nanodata QM-1 microprogrammable computer. The system is designed to provide the user with an interactive interface for the development and subsequent use of emulations on the QM-1. EASY provides integrated support for: 1) Interactive control of multiple, concurrently resident, virtual computers implemented via emulation, 2) input/output from emulations (virtual I/O) to the various real peripherals of the QM-1, and 3) diagnostic d ...

Keywords: Emulation, Intermediate language machines, Microprogramming, Nanodata QM-1, Software engineering, Virtual machine monitors, Virtual machines

10 Programming languages: Compiler-assisted demand paging for embedded systems with flash memory



Chanik Park, Junghee Lim, Kiwon Kwon, Jaejin Lee, Sang Lyul Min

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In this paper, we propose a novel, application specific demand paging mechanism for low-end embedded systems with flash memory as secondary storage. These systems are not equipped with virtual memory. A small memory space called an execution buffer is allocated to page an application. An application-specific page manager manages the buffer. The manager is generated by a compiler post-pass and combined with the application image. Our compiler post-pass analyzes the ELF executable image of an appll ...

Keywords: SRAM, clustering, compilers, embedded systems, flash memory, heterogeneous memory, paging, post-pass optimization

11 Forth report: Deus Ex Macintosh



Paul Frenger

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12 The seventh annual workshop on microprogramming

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13 Pioneer: verifying code integrity and enforcing untampered code execution on legacy systems



Arvind Seshadri, Mark Luk, Elaine Shi, Adrian Perrig, Leendert van Doorn, Pradeep Khosla

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We propose a primitive, called Pioneer, as a first step towards verifiable code execution on untrusted legacy hosts. Pioneer does not require any hardware support such as secure co-processors or CPU-architecture extensions. We implement Pioneer on an Intel Pentium IV Xeon processor. Pioneer can be used as a basic building block to build security systems. We demonstrate this by building a kernel rootkit detector.

Keywords: dynamic root of trust, rootkit detection, self-check-summing code, software-based code attestation, verifiable code execution

14 Real-time shading



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Real-time procedural shading was once seen as a distant dream. When the first version of this course was offered four years ago, real-time shading was possible, but only with one-of-a-kind hardware or by combining the effects of tens to hundreds of rendering passes. Today, almost every new computer comes with graphics hardware capable of interactively executing shaders of thousands to tens of thousands of instructions. This course has been redesigned to address today's real-time shading capabilities ...

15 Session summaries from the 17th symposium on operating systems principle (SOSP'99)



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17 Design and Implementation of the AEGIS Single-Chip Secure Processor Using Physical Random Functions



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Secure processors enable new applications by ensuring private and authentic program execution even in the face of physical attack. In this paper we present the AEGIS secure processor architecture, and evaluate its RTL implementation on FPGAs. By using Physical Random Functions, we propose a new way of reliably protecting and sharing secrets that is more secure than existing solutions based on non-volatile memory. Our architecture gives applications the flexibility of trusting and protecting only ...

18 Is it live or is it Memorex?



Tory Sawyer, Randy Anderson, Gary McCuaig

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19 Logical and physical design issues for smart card databases




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The design of very small databases for smart cards and for portable embedded systems is deeply constrained by the peculiar features of the physical medium. We propose a joint approach to the logical and physical database design phases and evaluate several data structures with respect to the performance, power consumption, and endurance parameters of read/program operations on the Flash-EEPROM storage medium.

Keywords: Design methodology, access methods, data structures, flash memory, personal information systems, smart card

20 Porting AIX onto the student electronic notebook



John Ioannidis, Gerald Q. Maguire, Israel Ben-Shaul, Marios Levedopoulos, Micky Liu

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A formal model of hardware/software architectures is developed and applied to Virtual Machine Systems. Results are derived on the sufficient conditions that a machine architecture must verify in order to support VM systems. The model deals explicitly with resource mappings (protection) and with I/O devices. Some already published results are retrieved and other ones, more general, are obtained.

Keywords: Architecture, Formal requirements, Operating systems, Virtual machine, Virtual machine monitor

26 Prototyping and validation techniques: Rappit: framework for synthesis of host-assisted scripting engines for adaptive embedded systems



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Scripting is a powerful, high-level, cross-platform, dynamic, easy way of composing software modules as black boxes. Unfortunately, the high runtime overhead has prevented scripting from being widely adopted in embedded applications. This work proposes to overcome these obstacles by synthesizing light-weight, host-assisted scripting engines for embedded systems. The result is dramatically shortened development cycle due to the much higher-level abstraction, interactive access and dynamic reconfi ...

Keywords: adaptive systems, scripting, software synthesis

27 Scalability, fidelity, and containment in the potemkin virtual honeyfarm



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29 Cellular Disco: resource management using virtual clusters on shared-memory multiprocessors



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Keywords: fault containment, resource management, scalable multiprocessors, virtual machines

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Formalizing the safety of Java, the Java virtual machine, and Java card

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We review the existing literature on Java safety, emphasizing formal approaches, and the impact of Java safety on small footprint devices such as smartcards. The conclusion is that although a lot of good work has been done, a more concerted effort is needed to build a coherent set of machine-readable formal models of the whole of Java and its implementation. This is a formidable task but we believe it is essential to build trust in Java safety, and thence to achieve ITSEC level 6 or Common Crite ...

Keywords: Common criteria, programming

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Two approaches to the implementation of a distributed simulation system

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This paper describes two approaches to the implementation of distributed simulation currently being pursued at Texas A&M University. The first approach describes the design and the implementation of a distributed simulation system onto a Motorola 68000 based architecture. This approach involves transparently distributing the language support functions of an existing simulation language (GASP) onto multiple processors. The second approach discusses the implementation of simulation support ...

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VMPlants: Providing and Managing Virtual Machine Execution Environments for Grid Computing

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Virtual machines provide flexible, powerful execution environments for Grid computing, offering isolation and security mechanisms complementary to operating systems, customization and encapsulation of entire application environments, and support for legacy applications. This paper describes a Grid service & VMPlant & that provides for automated configuration and creation of flexible VMs that, once configured to meet application needs, can then subsequently be copied ("cloned") and dynamically in ...

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Mobile file system support with virtual device drivers

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A java virtual machine architecture for very small devices

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The smallest complete Java™ virtual machine implementations in use today are based on the CLDC standard and are deployed in mobile phones and PDAs. These implementations require several tens of kilobytes. Smaller Java-like implementations also exist, but these involve compromises in Java semantics. This paper describes a JVM™ architecture designed for very small devices. It supports all the CLDC Java platform semantics, including exact garbage collection, dynamic class loading, and v ...

Keywords: CLDC, JVM, java, limited-memory devices, next generation smart cards

36 Distributed operating systems



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Distributed operating systems have many aspects in common with centralized ones, but they also differ in certain ways. This paper is intended as an introduction to distributed operating systems, and especially to current university research about them. After a discussion of what constitutes a distributed operating system and how it is distinguished from a computer network, various key design issues are discussed. Then several examples of current research projects are examined in some detail ...

37 The PDP-11 virtual machine architecture: A case study



Gerald J. Popek, Charles S. Kline

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At UCLA, a virtual machine system prototype has been constructed for the Digital Equipment Corporation PDP-11/45. In order to successfully implement that system, a number of hardware changes have been necessary. Some overcome basic inadequacies in the original hardware for this purpose, and others enhance the performance of the virtual machine software. Steps in the development of the modified hardware architecture, as well as relevant aspects of the software structure, are discussed. In ad ...

Keywords: Computer architecture, Computer security, PDP-11/45, Virtual machine monitor, Virtual machines

38 Design and realization of MLM: a multilingual machine



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This paper describes the design and realization of MLM, a Multi-Lingual machine whose main goal is to provide support for teaching and research in Microprogramming and Computer Architecture. MLM is based on a standard (non-microprogrammable) minicomputer whose microarchitecture has been modified in order to satisfy the requirements of a multi-lingual environment. The resulting machine is microprogrammable, offers facilities for interpreting different target repertoires, and has m ...

39 Firmware factory & forth



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2 Virtual machines - an idea whose time has returned: application to network, security, and database courses



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Virtual machines provide a secure environment within which students may install, configure, and experiment with operating system, network, and database software. This paper describes experiences teaching three advanced courses in system and network administration, information security and assurance, and database administration using VMware workstation in a shared student laboratory. The paper describes benefits and challenges in course and lab configuration, security, and administration.

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3 Special topic: PlanetLab: Privileged operations in the PlanetLab virtualised environment



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Virtualised systems have experienced a resurgence in popularity in recent years, whether used to support multiple OSes running on a user's desktop, provide commercial application hosting facilities, or isolate a large number of users from each other in global network testbeds. We also see an increasing level of interest in having entities within these virtualised systems interact with each other, either as peers or as helpers providing a service to clients. Very little work has been previously done ...

4 Virtual machines: ReVirt: enabling intrusion analysis through virtual-machine logging and replay



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Maintenance is the dominant source of downtime at high availability sites. Unfortunately, the dominant mechanism for reducing this downtime, cluster rolling upgrade, has two shortcomings that have prevented its broad acceptance. First, cluster-style maintenance over many nodes is typically performed a few nodes at a time, making maintenance slow and often impractical. Second, cluster-style maintenance does not work on single-node systems, despite the fact that their unavailability during mainte ...

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7 [Scalability, performance, and real-time: Friendly virtual machines: leveraging a feedback-control model for application adaptation](#)



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With the increased use of "Virtual Machines" (VMs) as vehicles that isolate applications running on the same host, it is necessary to devise techniques that enable multiple VMs to share underlying resources both fairly and efficiently. To that end, one common approach is to deploy complex resource management techniques in the hosting infrastructure. Alternately, in this paper, we advocate the use of self-adaptation in the VMs themselves based on feedback about resource usage and availability. Co ...

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8 [Virtual machines: Scale and performance in the Denali isolation kernel](#)



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This paper describes the Denali isolation kernel, an operating system architecture that safely multiplexes a large number of untrusted Internet services on shared hardware. Denali's goal is to allow new Internet services to be "pushed" into third party infrastructure, relieving Internet service authors from the burden of acquiring and maintaining physical infrastructure. Our isolation kernel exposes a virtual machine abstraction, but unlike conventional virtual machine monitors,

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Security and eliability: Using VMM-based sensors to monitor honeypots

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Virtual Machine Monitors (VMMs) are a common tool for implementing honeypots. In this paper we examine the implementation of a VMM-based intrusion detection and monitoring system for collecting information about attacks on honeypots. We document and evaluate three designs we have implemented on two open-source virtualization platforms: User-Mode Linux and Xen. Our results show that our designs give the monitor good visibility into the system and thus, a small number of monitoring sensors can det ...

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Testbed directions and experience: PlanetLab: an overlay testbed for broad-coverage services

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PlanetLab is a global overlay network for developing and accessing broad-coverage network services. Our goal is to grow to 1000 geographically distributed nodes, connected by a diverse collection of links. PlanetLab allows multiple service to run concurrently and continuously, each in its own slice of PlanetLab. This paper describes our initial implementation of PlanetLab, including the mechanisms used to impelment virtualization, and the collection of core services used to manage PlanetLab.

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Security and eliability: Live updating operating systems using virtualization

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Many critical IT infrastructures require non-disruptive operations. However, the operating systems thereon are far from perfect that patches and upgrades are frequently applied, in order to close vulnerabilities, add new features and enhance performance. To mitigate the loss of availability, such operating systems need to provide features such as live update through which patches and upgrades can be applied without having to stop and reboot the operating system. Unfortunately, most current live ...

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Novel approaches: A case for virtual channel processors

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Modern desktop and server computer systems use multiple processors: general purpose CPU(s), graphic processor (GPU), network processors (NP) on Network Interface Cards (NICs), RAID controllers, and signal processors on sound cards and modems. Some of these processors traditionally have been special purpose processors but there is a trend towards replacing some of these with embedded general purpose processors. At the same time main CPUs become more powerful; desktop CPUs start featuring Simultan ...

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In this paper we describe an architecture for extensible file systems. The architecture enables the extension of file system functionality by composing (or stacking) new file systems on top of existing file systems. A file system that is stacked on top of an existing file system can access the existing file system's files via a well-defined naming interface and can share the same underlying file data in a coherent manner. We describe extending file systems in the context of the Spring operating ...

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Virtual machines provide flexible, powerful execution environments for Grid computing, offering isolation and security mechanisms complementary to operating systems, customization and encapsulation of entire application environments, and support for legacy applications. This paper describes a Grid service $\hat{\text{VMPlant}}$ that provides for automated configuration and creation of flexible VMs that, once configured to meet application needs, can then subsequently be copied ("cloned") and dynamically in ...

15 Cellular Disco: resource management using virtual clusters on shared-memory multiprocessors

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Despite the fact that large-scale shared-memory multiprocessors have been commercially available for several years, system software that fully utilizes all their features is still not available, mostly due to the complexity and cost of making the required changes to the operating system. A recently proposed approach, called Disco, substantially reduces this development cost by using a virtual machine monitor that leverages the existing operating system technology. In this paper we present a syste ...

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Reconfigurable *Systems-on-Chip* (SoCs) on the market consist of full-fledged processors and large *Field-Programmable Gate-Arrays* (FPGAs). The latter can be used to implement the system glue logic, various peripherals, and application-specific coprocessors. Using FPGAs for application-specific coprocessors has certain speedup potentials, but it is less present in practice because of the complexity of interfacing the software application with the coprocessor. Another obstacle is the

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20 [The Zebra striped network file system](#)



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Zebra is a network file system that increases throughput by striping the file data across multiple servers. Rather than striping each file separately, Zebra forms all the new data from each client into a single stream, which it then stripes using an approach similar to a log-structured file system. This provides high performance for writes of small files as well as for reads and writes of large files. Zebra also writes parity information in each stripe in the style of RAID disk arrays; this ...

Keywords: RAID, log-based striping, log-structured file system, parity computation

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